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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7320**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1274

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 9, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Service of Warrants for Unsafe Buildings.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Niemeyer

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill allows an inspection warrant issued under the unsafe building law to be served by one of the following methods:

- (1) Registered or certified mail, return receipt requested to the residence or place of business or employment of the person served.
- (2) Personal service.
- (3) Leaving a copy of the warrant at the person's dwelling and mailing a copy to the person's last known address.
- (4) Mailing a copy by first class mail to the person's last known address.

(Current law allows only personal service of inspection warrants.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill potentially reduces the cost of serving a warrant to inspect an unsafe building by providing alternatives to personal service of the inspection warrant.

*Background:* Under current law, the warrant is served by the sheriff, and court procedure allows the court to impose a \$13 fee to the person upon whom the warrant is served. The cost for certified mail is \$2.95.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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